

## House Resolution No. 3928

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose contributions of time and energy help ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Rosalyn E. Thomas of Springfield, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Minority Affairs Liaison with the Springfield School District of Greene County, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, an educator since 1974, Rosalyn Thomas will draw her vocational efforts to a close on June 30, 2007, in well-deserved retirement after nearly thirty-three years of service; and

**Whereas**, in her role as a Minority Affairs Liaison, Rosalyn Thomas serves as an advocate for minority children within the public school system, facilitated communication between minority families and school personnel, linked the school to community organizations, recruited, and provided diversity training for other staff; and

**Whereas**, Rosalyn Thomas has brought to her work as a Minority Affairs Liaison a wealth of expertise garnered from earlier employment as an Itinerant Learning Disabilities teacher; and

**Whereas**, Rosalyn Thomas prepared for her diverse endeavors in life by earning an Associate of Arts degree from Northwest Mississippi Junior College, attending the University of Southern Mississippi, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and a Master of Arts degree in elementary education and special education from Drury University, and obtaining a Specialist degree in elementary administration from what is now known as Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, currently working on a doctorate from Saint Louis University, Rosalyn Thomas is a board member of UNITE! of Southwest Missouri, the African American Agenda Collaborative, The Kitchen, and the Jordan Valley Community Health Center; a member of the Ladies Civic League and the League of United Latin American Citizens; a past Sunday School Superintendent at Washington Avenue Baptist Church, and the recipient of Extraordinary Person of the Year recognition from Gitana Productions and an Everyday Hero for Education award from the American Red Cross:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered by Rosalyn Thomas during her career as an educator and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Rosalyn E. Thomas of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Dixon  
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3928, adopted May 31, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker